

Challenges of ENA FLEG:

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Process for ENA FLEG Conference

In the beginning of the Conference, NGOs directed a strong message to the ISC and governmental delegations in
“NGO Statement on Transparency in the ENA FLEG Process”

asking for:

- using opportunities to closely communicate with our governments before, during and after as the follow-up of the conference
- using the expertise of the civil society representatives for improving the Ministerial Declaration and Indicative Action Plan
- having civil society representatives as observers to the negotiations and to establish a liaison or contact group to meet at least twice daily

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Part of concerns, unfortunately, have not been addressed:

- There were no regular meetings with the key governmental delegations
- Civil society representatives concentrated only on priority issues while governmental delegations experiences difficulties even with translation and interpretation of the text

NEVERTHELESS

We really acknowledge the role of the ISC in establishment of a system for informing civil society and in in-deep considering priorities issues raised by us

- As well as some governments which open high level of openness and acceptance of our ideas

The follow-up process for the ENA FLEG

HOWEVER

We still have serious concerns with the regard to:

- the substance of the **Ministerial Declaration** and the document earlier known as the **Indicative Plan of Actions**
- The organization of the follow-up process after the Conference

THE FOLLOW-UP PROCESS:

- We all need to look closely at lessons learnt during this and previous FLEG, especially where they have failed
- We need to use the opportunity of REALLY working communication between the civil society, so that it will not stop just after endorsement of the Declaration
- We urgently need the ministerial delegations and the ISC to make decision in the next two days on how the communication between civil society groups and the international FLEG process will be organized after the conference

The essence of the ENA FLEG

- The follow-up process also means that all ENA and non-ENA countries should have a clearly formulated, within a reasonable timeframe, a time bound National Plans of Actions **OR** Indicative List of Actions that is integrated in the national forest policy framework and comprises clearly defined targets, activities and indicators of success
- We consider the Indicative List of Actions provides an important framework to guide and inspire actions at the national level within agreed timetable to realize the objectives of the Declaration
- There is an urgent need to promote greater transparency through-out the forest sector by providing information on all forest resources, their allocation and pricing, through information systems which are readily accessible to the public, including access and sharing remote sensing data. Encourage inter-agency cooperation and public participation in data collection and review.

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- Promote greater transparency through-out the forest sector by providing information on all forest resources, their allocation and pricing, through information systems which are readily accessible to the public. Encourage inter-agency cooperation and public participation in data collection and review. Promote the establishment of tracking systems on domestic and international trade flows of forest products as a means of combating trade of illegally harvested timber and other forest products
- Enforce forest-related laws which are consistent with good governance, sustainable and equitable forest management, and review and update those that are not -- to ensure they do not lead to greater social injustice or create perverse incentives by raising the cost of “legal” forest products
- We do not want to enforce bad, unreasonable or even destructive legislation
- We want these laws and their enforcement will be corruption-proof
- We also would like to see as much mechanisms of independent control included at the national and international levels as possible, including regular reporting to public by the governments, public opinion polls etc.